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SUBJECT: INTERVIEW WITH SWAPO LEADER

1. THE GOTEBORG DAILY, GOTEBORGS-POSTEN (LIBERAL) ON FEB. 28 CARRIED AN INTERVIEW BY ONE OF ITS CORRESPONDENTS IN AFRICA WITH SAM NUJOMA, DESCRIBED AS THE LEADER OF THE "EXTERNAL BRANCH" OF THE NAMIBIAN LIBERATION MOVEMENT SWAPO. THE PAPER'S CORRESPONDENT, BERIT HARD, MET WITH NUMOMA IN THE UNCLASSIFIED

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ZAMBIAN CAPITAL OF LUSAKA, WHERE NUJOMA'S HEADQUARTERS ARE LOCATED.

2. IN THE INTERVIEW, NUJOMA TAKES AN EXTREMELY CRITICAL LINE TOWARDS THE WEST, ASSERTING THAT "ALL THE BIG COUNTRIES OF THE WEST ARE ENEMIES, ENEMIES OF US AND OF OUR FREEDOM." ON THE OTHER HAND, HE STATES, SWAPO HAS FRIENDS IN THE NEIGHBORING

AFRICAN COUNTRIES, AND "ALSO IN THE OTHER SOCIALISTIC COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD." THEREFORE, NUJOMA CONTINUES, WHEN NAMIBIA IS LIBERATED, "WE WILL REPLACE THE CAPITALISTIC SYSTEM BY A SOCIALISTIC ONE," SINCE "IT IS ONLY SOCIALISM WHICH SERVES THE INTEREST OF THE PEOPLE."

3. THE SWAPO LEADER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT VICTORY FOR HIS ORGANIZATION "IS MANY BATTLEFIELDS AWAY," ADDING THAT "THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN NAMIBIA IS WORSE THAN IT HAS BEEN FOR A LONG TIME. ... THE OPPRESSION HAS INCREASED. THE ENEMY, THE COLONIAL REGIME IN SOUTH AFRICA, HAS CHANGED TACTICS. THAT IS WHY SWAPO HAS INTENSIFIED ITS ARMED STRUGGLE."

4. NUJOMA IS SHARPLY CRITICAL OF WHAT HE DESCRIBES AS THE SOUTH AFRICAN EFFORT TO "DIVIDE AND RULE" BY DIVIDING NAMIBIA ALONG TRIBAL LINES "AS IN SOUTH AFRICA," WHICH HE CHARGES ONLY HEIGHTENS TRIBAL ANTAGONISMS. HE HAS PARTICULARLY HARSH WORDS FOR CHIEF CLEMENS KAPUUNU, WHOM HE DESCRIBES AS "A SPY, A RENEGADE, WHO IS WORKING FOR THE ENEMY," WHICH HE IDENTIFIES AS THE "BIG MULTINATIONAL COMPANIES IN LONDON AND NEW YORK WHO FINANCE HIS TRAVELS ALL AROUND THE WORLD." PROMISING TO "SHATTER" SOUTH AFRICAN EFFORTS TO FORM A GOVERNMENT WITH KAPUUNU, NUJOMA EMPHASIZES THE NEED FOR MODERN WEAPONS, POINTING OUT THAT IS WOULD BE EASY TO GET WEAPONS "IF WE ONLY GET MONEY;"

5. ASKED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF NEGOTIATING A SETTLEMENT WITH SOUTH AFRICA, NUJOMA SAID SWAPO WOULD NEGOTIATE WITH THE PRETORIA REGIME "ONLY ON OUR OWN CONDITIONS," WHICH HE DESCRIBES AS (A) RELEASE OF ALL NAMIBIAN POLITICAL PRISONERS
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(B) WITHDRAWAL OF ALL SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS FROM NAMIBIAN TERRITORY (C) THAT NEGOTIATIONS BE HELD DIRECTLY BETWEEN SOUTH AFRICA AND SWAPO AND (D) THAT NEGOTIATIONS TAKE PLACE UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE U.N. UNLESS THESE CONDITIONS ARE MET, NUJOMA PLEDGES, SWAPO WILL "CONTINUE AND INTENSIFY THE ARMED LIBERATION STRUGGLE WHICH IS THE ONLY EFFECTIVE WAY TO REAL FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE."

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